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**CALFED,**

**I was recently reviewing a newsletter from California Trout on your Phase 2 Report. I believe the report has a number of the right tools for dealing with California water problems, but not the correct emphasis on some of the matters.**

**Those of us associated with CalTrout believe that we should be relying more on groundwater storage in lieu of building more dams and creating new reservoirs. This would provide water for fisheries and watershed without building new dams. The water quality for the bay-delta systems would also be improved by being able to manage salinity levels .**

**The cost factor is also a concern. An analysis by the Natural Heritage Institute has identified twenty potential groundwater locations and shown that groundwater storage and recharge programs cost \$60 to \$120 per acre foot of water storage compared to an estimated \$300 to \$3000 for surface dams and reservoirs.**

**Thanks for your consideration.**

**Martha and Bill Wickliffe**